National League for Democracy leader Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi by the Myanmar Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian ambassador in Myanmar had approached that Government for the immediate release of Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi;

(d) if so, the reaction of that Government; and

(e) what steps are contemplated by Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir and Madame.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. Our Ambassador formally conveyed our statement issued on 11-11-91, calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi, to the Government of Myanmar.

(d) Myanmar Government have stated in their response that Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi has been imprisoned under the prevailing laws of Myanmar, and hence it could not be accused of 'Blatant infringment" of her rights. It reiterated that she is free to join her family abroad if she so desires.

(e) We have co-sponsored a resolution at the UN adopted at a meeting of the Third Committee on Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Questions on 29-11-91, welcoming the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi, expressing concern for Human Rights violations in Mayanmer, and urging that Government to take steps to restore democratic rule in Myanmar.

Anti-India Lobby in US

1675. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pro-Pakistan, Pro-POK, Pro-Kashmiri militant organisations which have appointed lobbyists to further their cause with members of the US Congress in Washington; and

(b) the steps which the Government of India have taken to counter their propaganda against India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) As per information available, the so-called Kashmir American Council has hired the US firm Black, Manafort, Stone and Kelly public affairs company as its lobbyist.

(b) Our Embassy in Washington and Missions at New York, Chicago and San Francisco and other officials regularly meet US legislators, Administration officials, media and opinion makers to project the correct perspective on the situation in Kashmir.

Diplomatic Relations with Taiwan

1676. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to recognise the Government of Taiwan and establish diplomatic relations with it in the light of recent international developments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of India has consistently followed a one-China policy which recognises the Government of the People's Republic of

China as the sole, legitimate representative of the Chinese people.

Compensation for Damages caused to Indian Embassy building in Kuwait

1677. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian embassy building in Kuwait was razed down by the Iraqi Army in August, 1990;

(b) if so, what is the extent of loss of life and property;

(c) whether Government have asked the Iraqi Government to pay compensation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) There was some damage to the building. Compensation is to be paid by the United Nations Compensation Commission to which the claim will be submittted in due course.

Strengthening Ties with U.S.A.

1678. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are contemplated by India to strengthen the ties with United States;

(b) whether the Government of India have convinced the United States of America that Kashmir is the integral part of India;

(c) whether there is any proposals for the visit of the Prime Minister to United States; and

(d) whether there is any pending invitation from India to the President of United States to visit India; if not, whether the Government of India have any proposal to invite President of the United States of America to visit India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) As the two largest democracies, India and the US share certain identity of views. Meetings at political level, official consultations and frequent interaction at other levels have been intensified to strengthen Ido-US ties.

(b) The US considers that the so-called Kashmir problem should be resolved in the spirit of the Shimla Agreement.

(c) Yes, Sir. No dates have been finalised.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Indian Peace Keeping Force to Cambodia

1679. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to send an Indian peace keeping force to Cambodia; and

(b) if so the strength of the proposed Indian Contingent and by when it will be sent to Cambodia?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) At the request of the UN Secretary General, Government of India has decided to contribute personnel to the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia (UNAMIC). Three military liaison officers have so far been selected for the UNAMIC and it is expected that these officers will be deployed with the UN by the middle of this month. UNAMIC will be succeeded by the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) which will assist the Supreme National Council of Cambodia to administer the country and hold free and fair elections. The strength of the Indian component of UNTAC will be determined on the